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VOTING ON BALLOT MEASURES
The Capital Journal cannot see where a voter will make any serious mistake if he votes "no" on all the measures placed on the ballot by initiative or referendum. Of course, there may be a difference of opinion on this matter, but we believe that view will be quite generally taken. For instance, this is no time to establish new norpart of the state school ring to force the issue now. Then there is the $\$ 940,000$ appropriation referred to the people by the tax commission. It is mainly to pay for the state military police ( $\$ 250,000$ ), the state council of devarious deficiencies in the budgets of state institutions. Ithis blanket appropriation, carrying so much graft an able to take care of the state institutions and keep them able to take care of the state institutions and keep them
going-and the taxpayers will save several hundred going-and the taxpayers will save several hundred y local measures of no public interest

The two bills initiated by C. S. Jackson, publisher of "even up" with the country newspaper publishers for to posing single tax measures at various times, so it is presumed, should be snowed under. These ballot number re 308 and 310 .

One of these measures No. 310 seeks to regulate the price publishers of newspapers (outside of Multnomah county where Mr. Jackson's paper is printed), may
charge for publishing legal notices. It really is of no public interest.

The other Jackson bill, No. 308, repeals the law for a case where Jackson's spite is playing into the hands o the tax lien speculators, who may have paid the expen ses by initiating the bill, which was considerable. Thes speculators profess to think it right to sell the propert of a taxpayer without giving full public notice of suc sale. Their most profitable deals are made under th
cover of secrecy and in collusion with some officia cover of secrecy and in collusion with some officia
around the court house who tips off the opportunities t them for a consideration. The Oregon Voter discusse this Jackson bill very intelligently, when it says:
"That part owners or mortgage holders will have to
are paid upon many classes of property is the conditio
that will be faced if the Jackson bill is enacted next Tues
day. The bill abolishes publication of the delinquent ta list, and substitutes a flimsy and necessarily incomplete ystem of private notification by mail.
while the mail notice cannot reach more than one person While there are many pieces of property that are owned jointly, or in which an individual owns an equity. The taxes might go unpaid for many years without such ownparty receiving the mail notice would have failed to pa tirely without protection unless they encaged the service tirely without protection unless they engaged the services
of a title company to look up the records, a service which might be expensive. Besides the actual owner of proper tract there are holders of struments, lessees and others whe are interested in the payment of taxes. Mail notice would never reach these in payment of taxes. Mail notice would never reach these in publication anyone can see whether the taxes are paid or net; and those interested in property on which taxes hav become delinquent are enabled to take proper steps for their own protection.
Confusion, misrepresentation, delay in tax payments by abolishing publication and submitting the inadequat

LADD \& BUSH, Bankers are receiving subscriptions now for the

ystem of mail notices. No one owning any interest in
piece of property, will vote against tax list publication piece of property, will vote against tax list publication
after carefully considering what would be sure to happen were open publicity dispensed with for the incomplete private notice system."
Fully twenty-one hundred voters of Marion county petitioned Senator A. M. LaFollette to run for re-election as an independent candidate. These voters seemed to think that the race for the republican nomoination in the
primaries, in which four men were candidates for two rimaries, in which four men were candidates for two
plaees, three finishing neck and neck, was not a decisive choice, hence the petition which was cireulated entirely without the knowledge of Senator LaFollette and by un-
aid volunteers. Afterward the paid volunteers. Afterward the formal nominating pe tition of 300 or 400 was secured by a paid solicitor in the usual way, but the petition asking the senator to become candidate was a personal tribute from his friends and scientiously, after having been honored by the people s scientiousil, after having been honored oy the people to
much, decline to accede to their wishes. That seems o be to it, all indicative of the strong support he will receive orking legislator not LaFonete is admittedly a hardut right as often as most of his colleagues, and of many honest and sincere in the position he takes, a considerfion constituents.

But a few weeks ago the kaiser insisted on the "parthe firm. Tuesday-he had apparently diseover member o has been dissolved, for he stated he "would now he will ing to head a German republic or democratic monarchy patterned after that of England," and would be content to
be just a figure head. Evidently there has beon a ight shed in the darker recesses of the been a great think tank, and the desire now is to hold his job and draw his salary even though deprived of all power. Of course no one can tell what the terms of peace will be until they war record and super patriotism against Joe Keller's grip on the governor's affections, that they will not include any of the Hohenzollerns at the head of anything in Germany.

Not long ago the kaiser grandiloquently asserted tha where Germany placed her mark there it remained and
was never withdrawn." This statement the kaiger will have to modify, for in the very near future when the Germans begin to leave Russia, Rumania, Turkey, Ukhad secured a foothoid in, the way the stakes and marks will be pulled up would make an Oklahoma "Sooner" green with envy at the record breaking movement.

Austria not only wants peace but she is in a hurry $t$ have it agreed on. Her last request of the president is that "wont he be so kind as to begin overtures at once on
the subject." What is worrying the dual monarchy is peace seems hard to get she is that huch the pars. Now that to have it. It will come, but the terms will be the same as those granted Bulgaria, and will be fixed at the peace table by the allies.

Don't get cold feet standing around waiting for the soldiers are doing.

## The Wife


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There are $2,000,000$ Yanks overseas now. Which fact gives Germany two million reasons for surrendering.
Austria officially announces that she will evacuate aly. It does sure look that way.

## Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason
THE GERMAN HOME.
Gretchen can't meet Otto, by the garden gate; mother ays she's got to stay at home and hate; Gretchen stands corrected; mother says, dejected, "Duty's been neglected in this house of late. What would be our rating should
the kaiser know that we've done no the kaiser know that we've done no hating since two veeks ago? We have all been sinning; busy with our spinning, we have had no inning, hating Prussia's foe.
Now, then, donnerwetter, duty must be done; we must all Now, then, donnerwetter, duty must be done; we must all
do better, till the war is won; 'tis no time for jesting, laboring or resting we must be detesting all that isn't Hun No, my little Heinie, you can't go and skate, so cut out ish hopes that Britons bearish and the French must cherat an early date. No, no, Fritzie, darling, you can't jump at an early date. No, no, rritzie, darring, you can't jump
and rund there's no use snarling--hating must be done; till our Bill quits kaising, and new thrones are ris ing, we must be despising all that isn't Hun, Father will
be coming from his labors soon, and you'll hear him humbe coming from his sabors soon, and you'li hear him ham--
ming some good Deutschland tune; and he will be stating ming some good Deutschiand tune: and he will be stating
sentiments elating if he finds us hating all beneath the
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